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June 12, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$55,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE 2003 MARINA COASTLINK WATER SHUTTLE SERVICE ALTERNATIVE POWER EVALUATION AND PERMANENT WATER SHUTTLE FEASIBILITY STUDY (4th DISTRICT)(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that preparation of an alternative power evaluation and permanent water shuttle service feasibility study is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 6 of the County's Environmental Documenting Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$55,000 grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the purposes of evaluating the use of alternative power for the summer 2003 Marina CoastLink Water Shuttle service and to assess the feasibility of a permanent water shuttle in Marina del Rey, and delegating authority to the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors as agent of the County to sign all documents pertaining to the acceptance of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On May 13, 2003, the Board awarded the Contract for Marina del Rey Water Bus Service to Pacific Adventure Cruises, Inc. to provide a Marina del Rey CoastLink water shuttle service from May 16, 2003 through September 1, 2003 at a County cost not to exceed \$207,900 (plus 20 percent in the event service area/hours increase).

The California Coastal Conservancy (Coastal Conservancy), established in 1976, is a state agency that uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore, and enhance coastal resources and to provide access to the shore working in partnership with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners. The Coastal Conservancy is offering the Department a grant to provide an evaluation of alternative power used in operating the summer 2003 Marina del Rey water shuttle and to assess the feasibility of a permanent water shuttle.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County, by evaluating the use of alternative power during the 2003 Marina CoastLink Water Shuttle program and by preparing a feasibility study for the provision of a permanent water shuttle service in Marina del Rey, will further the Strategic Plan goal of Service Excellence. A permanent water shuttle service would provide the public with better water access and an alternative transportation option.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Adoption of the attached Resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$55,000 from the Conservancy will allow for the preparation of the alternative power evaluation and the feasibility study of a permanent water shuttle service. It is not anticipated that there will be any County cost for the development of these studies, however, the Department will cover any excess costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Beaches and Harbors is providing a water shuttle service in Marina del Rey on a pilot project basis weekends during the summer of 2003. The goal of the pilot is to provide visitors and residents with water transportation in the Marina, both to expand the amenities in the Marina and to provide an alternative form of transportation for nearby residents, as well as a coastal trail link in Marina del Rey. Two water shuttles, one electrically-powered, are being utilized on the four-stop route.

The Department would like to continue to provide a viable and expanded water shuttle service in the long-term. A permanent water shuttle feasibility study would provide the Department with an evaluation of the current water shuttle pilot and recommendations concerning the expansion to a permanent water shuttle service in Marina del Rey. In addition, the Department would like to evaluate the use of the electrically powered boat during the pilot and develop specifications for the purchase and delivery of an electric vessel and the as necessary docking and recharging infrastructure.

To this end, the Coastal Conservancy has offered the Department a grant through the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) in a manner consistent with the requirements of Proposition 12 and in compliance with Conservancy regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the acceptance and use of Conservancy funds for these studies. These requirements include that the County has sufficient funds available to meet its own share of the study costs, will provide appropriate recognition of the Conservancy's assistance, work will commence within a reasonable time after execution of the grant agreement, and the Conservancy will have access to all project-related documents.

This Board letter was submitted to the Small Craft Harbor Commission for review at its June 11, 2003 meeting; the Commission endorsed the recommendations contained herein.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The preparation of an alternative power evaluation and a permanent water shuttle feasibility study is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 6 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on other County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return the executed Resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, along with one approved copy of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Stan Wisniewski
Director

Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$55,000 GRANT
FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
FOR THE 2003 MARINA COASTLINK WATER SHUTTLE SERVICE
ALTERNATIVE POWER EVALUATION
AND PERMANENT WATER SHUTTLE FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has implemented a water shuttle service for summer 2003 between four points in Marina del Rey to improve water access for visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the California State Coastal Conservancy under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California coast; and

WHEREAS, grants are awarded under eligibility guidelines adopted by the Conservancy; and said procedures require the applicant to certify acceptance of a grant through a resolution by the applicant's governing body and to agree to Conservancy terms, conditions and assurances; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is willing to enter into an agreement with the Conservancy to research, demonstrate and evaluate the use of alternative power for the 2003 Marina CoastLink Water Shuttle service, and to prepare a feasibility study for a permanent water shuttle service in Marina del Rey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors by adoption of this Resolution hereby authorizes the acceptance of a Conservancy grant in the amount of \$55,000 for the purpose of evaluating the use of alternative power for the summer 2003 Marina CoastLink Water Shuttle service and to assess the feasibility of a permanent water shuttle service in Marina del Rey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County of Los Angeles has sufficient funds to and agrees to provide any funds needed beyond the grant requested to complete the studies funded by this grant through the allocation of uncommitted funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County of Los Angeles agrees to the terms, assurances and conditions set forth in the grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Director of Beaches and Harbors to sign all necessary documents to obtain the grant and to accept the grant for the purpose stated above.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2003 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

LLOYD W. PELLIMAN

By: *Lloyd W. Pelliman*
Deputy